

**BECKER et al.****Appln. No.: 09/424,660****REMARKS**

Claims 30-38 are pending. By this Amendment claims 14, 18-20, 24, 25 and 27-29 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 32-38 are added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 30 and 31 are allowable. New claims 32-38 are allowable by virtue of their dependency on allowable claims 30 and 31. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 as the amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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